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25X1 1. ([REDACTED] - JMM) On 14 June, Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called Mr. Warner to report that Representative John Tunney (D., Calif.) had returned from a trip to Vietnam with questions about the "hamlet evaluation system." According to Crawford, Tunney feels that the basic data being fed into this system is inaccurate, and has raised the matter with the General Accounting Office. GAO has responded that they do not normally investigate such matters, but suggested that they might do so if Chairman Morgan made a formal request to the Comptroller General. Crawford wanted to know our reaction. Accordingly I raised the matter with George Carver, SAVA, who expressed the hope that such a move could be discouraged. Mr. Warner informed Crawford that, speaking unofficially, we did not favor this proposal.

25X1 2. ([REDACTED] - LLM) Russell Harper, in the office of Representative John Kyl (R., Iowa), called in behalf of a high honor graduate from Iowa State University with Russian language facilities who is interested in Federal employment and who is subject to the draft. I explained that Agency service did not satisfy an individual's military obligation but that we would be pleased to review [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] qualifications. Mr. Harper said he would check with him and advise.

25X1 3. ([REDACTED] - LLM) Spoke with Ralph Devlin, Staff Assistant, House Subcommittee on Retirement, Insurance and Health Benefits, concerning the Civil Service retirement fund financing proposal with added retirement benefits now being considered before the full Committee as H.R. 17682. In keeping with his earlier views on this legislation, Mr. Devlin does not believe it will receive favorable consideration by both houses this Congress indicating that it may not get out of Committee because of objection to the provision authorizing the Civil Service Commission to increase contribution rates under certain conditions. 25X1

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25X1 4. [ ] - JGO) Called Mrs. Catherine Worthington, Personal Secretary to Representative Mendel Rivers. Mrs. Worthington advised that the Chairman had gone to California and will be returning late in the day or first thing tomorrow. He is attending the dedication of the new C9A medical air evacuation aircraft. It is expected that he will be back in time for the full Committee meeting on Tuesday morning.

25X1 5. [ ] Met with Mr. J. R. Blandford, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Blandford advised that he had discussed the Henderson letter with the Chairman, but that the Chairman was unable to see it or sign it before leaving for California. It will be forwarded, however, after the Chairman's return to the office tomorrow morning.

Reviewed the conversation of last week with Mr. Philbin's office concerning the scheduling of hearings on H. R. 13705. Mr. Blandford, however, does not see any break in the schedule pending the completion of hearings on the military procurement bill.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on certain military exercises within the Soviet Union, the Soviet missile force and certain Chinese marine activities. Mr. Blandford advised that these are matters of interest to the Committee and noted that the Chairman will be having a meeting of the Armed Services Policy Subcommittee tomorrow afternoon. Following that meeting the Chairman may well be interested in setting a time for a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee with the Director.

25X1 6. ([ ] - JGO) Met with Miss Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with her the letter of 22 May from Representative William M. Colmer (D., Miss.), Chairman of the House Rules Committee, to Chairman Rivers advising that legislation for review of the Rules Committee should be forwarded prior to 8 July. The letter indicated that the last scheduled meeting of the Rules Committee will be on 9 July. Miss Stockstill noted that similar letters have been received from the Rules Committee for several years, but that legislation pending before House Armed Services, as well as numerous appropriation bills that have not been acted upon, would indicate that the 9 July date cannot be adhered to by the Rules Committee.

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